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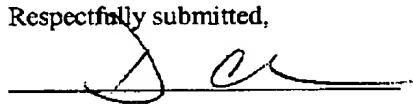
OFFICIAL**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re application of:****Applicant: Terrance Sick et al.****Art Unit: 2171****Serial No.: 09/965,071****Confirmation No.: 2718****Docket No: 2000-05****Filed: 9/27/2001****Title: Computer-based System and Method for Searching and Screening Financial Securities and relevant Intellectual Property****STATES REQUESTED**

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Sir:

The applicant filed the above-referenced patent application on 9/27/2001, and a "Filing Receipt" was received. But neither the applicant nor his attorney has received any further correspondence regarding this case. The applicant, thus, is hereby inquiring about the status of this case. If any additional fees are due, please charge to Deposit Account 50-2737.

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